

Amendment No. 1 to HB2670

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2667**

**House Bill No. 2670\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-513, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(a) This section applies to a military veteran's Department of Defense Form DD-214 or other military discharge record that is recorded with or that otherwise comes into the possession of a governmental body.

(b) The record is confidential for the seventy-five (75) years following the date it is recorded with or otherwise first comes into the possession of a governmental body. During that period the governmental body may permit inspection or copying of the record or disclose information contained in the record only in accordance with this section or in accordance with a court order.

(c) On request and the presentation of proper identification, the following persons may inspect the military discharge record or obtain from the governmental body a copy or certified copy of the record:

- (1) The veteran who is the subject of the record;
- (2) The legal guardian of the veteran;
- (3) The spouse or a child or parent of the veteran or, if there is no living spouse, child, or parent, the nearest living relative of the veteran;
- (4) The personal representative of the estate of the veteran;
- (5) The person named by the veteran, or by a person described by subdivision (2), (3), or (4), in an appropriate power of attorney;
- (6) Another governmental body; or

(7) An authorized representative of the funeral home that assists with the burial of the veteran.

(d) A court that orders the release of information under this section shall limit the further disclosure of the information and the purposes for which the information may be used.

(e) A governmental body that obtains information from the record shall limit the governmental body's use and disclosure of the information to the purpose for which the information was obtained.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 13, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 8-13-\_\_\_\_.

(a) The register of deeds shall record the official discharge of persons who after 1915 have served as members of the United States armed forces, the United States armed forces reserve, or the United States armed forces auxiliary.

(b) The register of deeds shall, after September 1, 2010, record the official discharge of persons who have served as members of the United States armed forces, the United States armed forces reserves, or the United States armed forces auxiliary in a bound book separate from all other documents recorded in the register of deeds office in those counties that do not store documents electronically. No other public documents shall be recorded and stored in these designated books.

(c) The register of deeds shall keep books which originated prior to, as well as after, September 1, 2010 and which have been designated specifically for the storage of official military discharge documents in a location not accessible to the general public so long as the books do not contain other public documents.

(d) The register of deeds, in counties that record and store

documents electronically, shall not make available to the general public any display of military discharge records and shall only provide copies of such records in compliance with § 10-7-513.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.